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**The Cook County Justice Advisory Council's FY 2015/16 \$100,000 Restorative Justice Request for Proposals has been released.**

The Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC) is pleased to announce FY 15/16 **Restorative Justice Grant** Request for Proposals. **The Restorative Justice RFP solicitation requests proposal in the amount of \$100,000 with the intent of awarding (5) grants.** The purpose of this RFP is to solicit applications that propose innovative programs and projects that address the issues of violence and recidivism in the Cook County criminal and juvenile justice systems through the lens of the balanced and restorative justice framework. Successful applicants must have previous experience balancing the needs of victims, offenders and those impacted by crime in the community, in a collaborative and inclusive way. The over-arching purpose of the proposed projects should be to incorporate restorative justice principles to increase public safety while achieving one or more of the following: 1) diverting youth or adults from formal system involvement at the arrest or pre-arrest stage, 2) reducing the risk of involvement in violence as the victim or perpetrator, 3) reducing the reliance on detention and incarceration through the use of alternative community solutions to crime; 4) reducing the recidivism rates of victims or perpetrators. Proposed projects may address crime involving juveniles (juvenile justice system), adults (criminal justice system), or both.

The Restorative Justice Request for Proposals (RFPs) has been released as of Monday, July 20, 2015. The RFP can be accessed at: [www.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing) (see instructions below). All proposal submissions are due on **Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM**. Submission details are available at the Cook County website above. Late proposals will not be accepted. The JAC will also host a Pre-Proposal Conference on **Friday, July 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM**, where potential applicants can ask questions and get more information regarding this funding opportunity. For any additional inquiries please contact Kevin Casey from the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer at 312.603.6830 or at [kevin.casey@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:kevin.casey@cookcountyil.gov).

**Instructions for accessing RFP**

**Step 1:** Go to [www.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing)

**Step 2:** Click on “Procurement Opportunity Postings/ Vendor Registration”

**Step 3:** Click on “View Cook County procurement opportunities”

**Step 4:** Search for “Bid Number 1553-14829”: for Restorative Justice Program Grant (\$100,000)

**\*\*While searching for the appropriate bid opportunity, you will at some time be prompted to “Login” or create a vendor registration. Please register in order to access the information for the RFP.**